REASONS

Humbly Offered to the High

Court of Parliament,

To ſhew the great Dammage the Publick Receives by the Ill Flawing of Raw-Hides and Calves-Skins.

WHereas by the Statute of the Firſt of King *James* the Firſt, *Chap.* 22. Proviſion is made, againſt the Ill Flawing of *Raw-Hides*, but by the ſmallneſs of the Penalty, being but *Twenty Pence*, and the difficulty of the Proſecution, being by Action of Debt, the ſame is become Ineffectual.

II. There is no Proviſion, by any Law, againſt the Ill Flawing of *Calves-Skins*, which are now become a great Ware in *Bootes* and *Shoes*.

III. The *Nobillity* and *Gentry* receive great Dammage in their *Coaches* and *Harneſſes*, by their often breaking and receiving wet through the Flaws, which cannot be ſo well diſcerned when wrought up.

IV. The *Commonalty* receive great Dammage, in their *Bootes*, *Shoes*, *Bridles* and *Stirrup-Leathers*, by Holes wearing in the Upper-Leathers, and taking Water in the Soles of the *Shoes*; to the Indangering the Healthes of the Wearers: And by the *Bridles* and *Stirrup-Leathers* breaking, Indangering Peoples Lives.

V. Hereby many *Hides* and *Skins* are Rendred unfit for many Special Uſes, which tendes much to the leſſening of the Commodity, in the Price thereof, to the value of above One Thouſand Pounds *per Annum* in *Leaden-Hall-Market*, as is ready to be Atteſted by many Credible Perſons. And what muſt the Dammage then be in all the other Markets in the Kingdome? From ſeveral of which there is great Complaints: And all this to the loſs of the whole Nation, and Profit to none.

Flawing of Raw-Hides and Calves-Skins.

WHereas by the Statute of the First of King *James* the First, *Chap.* 22. Provision is made, against the Ill Flawing of *Raw-Hides*, but by the smallness of the Penalty, being but *Twenty Pence*, and the difficulty of the Prosecution, being by Action of Debt, the same is become Ineffectual.

II. There is no Provision, by any Law, against the Ill Flawing of *Calves-Skins*, which are now become a great Ware in *Bootes* and *Shoes*.

III. The *Nobillity* and *Gentry* receive great Dammage in their *Coaches* and *Harnesses*, by their often breaking and receiving wet through the Flaws, which cannot be so well discerned when wrought up.

IV. The *Commonalty* receive great Dammage, in their *Bootes*, *Shoes*, *Bridles* and *Stirrup-Leathers*, by Holes wearing in the Upper-Leathers, and taking Water in the Soles of the *Shoes*; to the Indangering the Healthes of the Wearers: And by the *Bridles* and *Stirrup-Leathers* breaking, Indangering Peoples Lives.

V. Hereby many *Hides* and *Skins* are Rendred unfit for many Special Uses, which tendes much to the lessening of the Commodity, in the Price thereof, to the value of above One Thousand Pounds *per Annum* in *Leaden-Hall-Market*, as is ready to be Attested by many Credible Persons. And what must the Dammage then be in all the other Markets in the Kingdome? From several of which there is great Complaints: And all this to the loss of the whole Nation, and Profit to none.

VI. These Abuses are now become so General, that the Buyers of Leather cannot Buy One Parcel in Ten but what is much Abused thereby, so that they are forced to Work it up into made Wares with these Defects, or else must sustain great Losses.